Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* A particular survey number is divided into 10 cents each and the applicants can take any sub-division they like.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there any rule authorising the Diwan Peishkar to give free grants of land to people not belonging to the Depressed classes?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* To poor people of all classes I can give up to 25 cents. This extraordinary power has not been used either by me or by my predecessors except in exceptional cases. I should give my reasons in writing and submit it to the approval of the Government.

SIRKAR JENMAM LANDS OUTSIDE COCHIN—SALE OF

261. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the result of the investigation into the possibility of the outright sale of Sirkar *Jenmam* lands outside the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

PADDY—AVERAGE PRICE IN KANNI, 1115

262. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the average price of paddy in the month of Kanni, in the Ernakulam and Mattancheri markets;

(*b*) what was the price of paddy in the other taluks during the same period;

(*c*) what is the price of paddy as published in the Gazette dated 18th Thulam 1115?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) The average price of paddy in Kanni was Re. 0—9—1½ in the Ernakulam market and Re. 0—9—3 in Mattancheri market.

(*b*) The price of paddy in the other Taluks during the same period was as follows.—

Mukundapuram	..	Re. 0—7—8¼
Trichur	..	,, 0—7—3¾
Talappalli	..	,, 0—7—3
Chittur	..	,, 0—8—9
Cranganur	..	,, 0—7—5¼

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